

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1, 11-16 are currently being amended.

This amendment changes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-20 are now pending in this application.

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 8-20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for nonenablement. Specifically, the Examiner states that the specification does not enable X being anything other than fluorine. The Examiner further rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Specifically, the Examiner has taken issue with the language of the claims regarding M' and X.

Applicants have amended the claims 1, 11-16 of the application. Claims 1 and 8-20 now recite X as being one of F, Cl, or I. Applicants respectfully submit that one of ordinary skill in the art would understand that the claimed elements all would function as described by the exemplary embodiments of the description. Specifically, Applicants note that the amended claims all define X as elements from group 17 of the periodic table (halogens). Further, there was proper disclosure of this concept in originally filed Claims 1 and 14, which expressly taught F, Cl and I. This disclosure has been incorporated in the specification at p. 6, ¶24. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the nonenablement rejection of claims 1 and 8-20, and allowance of those claims.

Applicants have also amended claim language defining the group of elements which the variable M' and X may be. Specifically, per the Examiner's suggestion, the Applicants have

amended the claims to recite the language in typical Markush language. As such, Applicants respectfully submit that the indefiniteness rejection of claims 1-20 has been overcome and requests that the claims be allowed.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1450. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1450. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1450.

Respectfully submitted,

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